THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Eight States, namely, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Tripura have set up State level Employment Guarantee Councils as per the provisions of NREG Act.

(b) and (c) As per Guidelines under NREG Act, in areas where Panchayat system does not exist local Councils/authorities as mandated by the State concerned will be invested with corresponding responsidbilities of Panchayats.

Funds for Rural Development schemes of Bihar

†2866. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Ministry of Rural Development for various schemes of Bihar for the year 2006-07.

(b) whether there is any provision in National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to give employment to educated unemployed persons;

(c) if so, in what manner; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The amount released by the Ministry of Rural Development to the Government of Bihar for implementation of various rural development schemes during 2006-07 (upto August, 2006) is Rs. 1472.79 crore.

(b) to (d) The guidelines of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act mentions that employment upto 100 days in a financial year will be provided to every rural household whose adult member volunteers to do unskilled manual work irrespective of educational qualification.

Non-Implementation of NREGA

2867. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Ministry has received complaints from individuals, NGOs and Political Parties, regarding non-implementation of NREG Act in certain States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed by the Central Government for effective implementation of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (c) A few complaints regarding improper implementation of NREGA have been received. The complaints have been referred to the concerned States for examination and for taking remedial action. In some cases, National Level Monitors (NLMs) were deputed by the Centre to look into the allegations made. Reports submitted by National Level Monitors have been forwarded to the State Government for taking appropriate action of effective implementation of the Act, regular arid special reviews are done. Area officers and NLMs undertake visits to the States. Points for improvement are brought to the notice of States. States have also been advised to undertake extensive training programmes for which they have been asked to submit requirement for additional funds to the Central Government.

SGSY In Karnataka

2868. SHRI KB. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special projects proposal under SGSY in different districts in Karnataka is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the district covered in this Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Five special project proposals under Swaranjayati Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) submitted by the Government of Karnataka are at present with the Government at various stages of the approval/appraisal process.

(b) The districts of Dakshini Kannada, Kolar and Mysore in Karnataka are covered under special projects under SGSY sanctioned in the State